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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

S I R:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 27, 2004, Applicants hereby resubmit the Response to Office Action dated May 17, 2004 incorporating the requested complete listing of all claims.

This correction to the Response is intended to place the Response in a form acceptable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully submit that the requested correction does not add any new matter.

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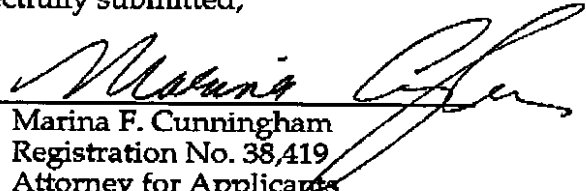
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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to a non-final Office Action dated February 17, 2004, having a period of response set to expire on May 17, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are provided on page 2 of the present response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.

Appendix A is an English Translation of Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 6-171012 is attached following page 8 of the present response.

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